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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6103**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 32

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 23, 2012

**BILL AMENDED:** Jan 12, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Guardianships.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Bray

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Rep. Foley

**BILL STATUS:** As Passed Senate

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill allows a guardian of a minor who has not been adjudicated an incapacitated person to petition the court to extend the guardianship beyond the date the minor attains 18 years of age. The bill requires the guardian and minor to sign the petition in the presence of at least two witnesses. It authorizes the court to extend the guardianship, but not beyond the date on which the protected person attains 22 years of age, if the court finds that extending the guardianship is in the best interests of the protected person. The bill also specifies that the extension of the guardianship does not place the person under a legal disability.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2012.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** This bill may increase the workload of local courts to the extent guardians of non-incapacitated minors (who must be at least 17 years of age at the time of petition) petition the court to extend guardianship to either a termination date established in the petition or when the protected individual attains 22 years of age. Increases in workload are indeterminable.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Local courts.

**Information Sources:**

**Fiscal Analyst:** Bill Brumbach, 232-9559.